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Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President  
The University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

In response to your letter of 14 March, I can assure you that it is my intention to seek no further leave for [ ] in behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency, if The Regents act favorably upon my present request that he be made available through 30 June 1953.

May I thank you again for your cooperativeness in this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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"The above is written in my heart's blood!" WBS

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT GORDON SPROUL  
*President of the University*

March 14, 1952

General Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

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In response to your letter of February 4, and pursuant to our telephone conversation on the same day, I have been working for the past month on an extension of [ ] leave from the University of California for another year. The task you committed to me was not an easy one, since the Department [ ] is very much in need of [ ] services, but I cannot but be impressed by your statement "that [ ] can give no more essential service to his government than in his present capacity, and we simply cannot spare him for another year."

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Therefore, I am prepared to recommend to The Regents that [ ] I would be greatly aided in securing approval for this recommendation if you would send me by return mail a letter stating that it is your understanding and agreement that this is to be the last leave granted to [ ] and no further plea for his services in the Central Intelligence Agency will be made.

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With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



cc: [ ]

4 February 1952

Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President  
The University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

STAT As I told you today on the telephone, I am forced by circumstances to urge as strongly as I know how to do it the extension of [ ] leave for another year.

STAT He is rendering such outstanding and, indeed, indispensable service to this Agency that this request should be considered as in the vital interests of the national security. I realize the difficulties which his continued absence will pose for you and your colleagues, but I assure you that [ ] can give no more essential service to his government than in his present capacity, and we simply cannot spare him for another year.

STAT I believe it was Montaigne who said something about gratitude being an appreciation of favors already received coupled with a lively sense of benefits yet to come! You and the University qualify with me on both counts, and I rest confident of your willingness to help. Incidentally, [ ] is doing you proud as President of our [ ] Panel.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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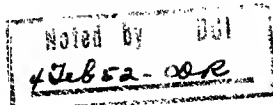
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

If you have not already spoken to President Sproul again, you may wish to phone him and to follow up the phone call with a letter along the lines of the draft attached.

It is recommended that such action be taken.



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*DC/ called Mr. Sproul on 1 February 1952*  
*Letter is written* (DATE)

*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Central Intelligence  
Via: AD/NE

DATE: 28 January 1952

STAT FROM : [ ] O/NE

SUBJECT: Correspondence of the Director with President Sproul.

1. Last fall you wrote President Robert G. Sproul of the University of California, Berkeley, requesting that my leave of absence be extended until [ ] In his reply, he granted this request, but stated that it would be necessary for me to return to the University this summer.

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2. In commenting on his letter to me, you stated that you wished to speak with President Sproul about a possible further extension of my leave of absence.

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3. The Acting Chairman of my department, [ ] [ ] has written, reminding me of President Sproul's position, and asking for firm assurance of my return. It will be necessary for me to reply to this letter within the next few days.

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4. Will you be good enough to let me know whether there have been any developments, since your exchange of letter with President Sproul, which I should take into account when I write to [ ]

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